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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DAYAN ON PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA

1. DURING MY TOUR D'HORIZON WITH DAYAN SUNDAY NIGHT, JULY 24, I TOLDHIM AT ONE POINT HOW DIFFICULT A PROBLEM I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE ON YOUR TRIP WORKING OUT AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN LIGHT OF BEGIN'S STRICTURES. I SAID I KNEW THAT YOU WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY CREATIVE IDEAS HE MIGHT HAVE ON THE SUBJECT.

2. AFTER A BIT OF THOUGHT, DAYAN SAID THAT HE DID HAVE ONE IDEA WHICH HE THOUGHT MIGHT EVENTUALLY APPEAL TO THE ARABS AND PERHAPS EVEN TO THE PLO. ONE FORMULA COULD BE FOR MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE FIVE ELECTED MAYORS OF THE MAJOR CITIES IN THE WEST BANK TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT ALL WERE ELECTED WITH ACKNOWLEDGED SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT FROM THE PLO, AND THAT IN FACT THEY ARE THE ONLY FREELY ELECTED PALESTINAIN REPRESENTATIVES WHO CAN CREDIBLY BE ARGUED REFLECT THE WILL OF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE PLO TO OBJECT TO THEIR INCLUSION. HE SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT AS A MINIMUM THE MAYORS OF

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THE THREE LARGEST TOWNS, GAZA, NABLUS, AND HEBRON BE INCLUDED -- WITH OTHER PREFERABLY ADDED AS WELL FROM SUCH PLACES AS RAMALLAH, BETHLEHEM AND JANIN.

3. WHEN I SAW DAYAN THE NEXT DAY AT THE AIRPORT ON THE OCCASION OF BEGIN'S RETURN, HE DREW ME ASIDE TO SAY

HE HAD BEEN THINKING FURTHER ABOUT THIS SUGGESTION.
BASED ON HIS LONG EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE ARABS
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER HE WAS CONVINCED THAT HIS IDEA WOULD
ONLY HAVE A CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE IF IT COULD SOMEHOW
COME AS AN ARAB PROPOSAL RATHER THAN AS AN
ISRAELI PROPOSAL. HE THEREFORE CAUTIONED ME ABOUT HOW
AND WHEN SUCH AN IDEA WERE INTRODUCED INTO THE
DISCUSSION. I ASKED HIM HOW HE THOUGHT IT WOULD
PROSPER IF IT WERE AN AMERICAN IDEA. HE REPLIED
"BETTER AMERICAN THAN ISRAELI, BUT IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE IT SHOULD COME FROM THE ARABS, PERHAPS THE
JORDANIANS." HE ADDED WITH SOME DEGREE OF WORRY THAT
IN ANY EVENT HE DID NOT WANT HIS OWN NAME ATTACHED TO
THE IDEA. I INTERPRETED THIS CAVEAT TO MEAN HE WAS
QUITE CONCERNED AFTER THE FACT THAT BEGIN MIGHT
NOT TAKE KINDLY TO DAYAN'S HAVING MADE THIS SUGGESTION.
(REMEMBERING BEGIN'S REACTION TO YOUR MENTION OF
DAYAN'S IDEAS DURING YOUR MEETING WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON,
I CAN SEE DAYAN'S POINT.)
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